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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON EXIMBANK CREDIT TO CANADA

FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK RELEASE ON THE
DIRECT CREDIT OF \$1,474,365 TO QUEBEC AIR, MONTREAL. RELEASE IS
SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE IN WASHINGTON, DC FOR AM PAPERS,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1974.

QUOTE: EXINBANK CREDIT OF \$1,474,365 SUPPORTS \$4.9 MILLION
SALE OF U.S. AIRCRAFT TO CANADA

TO HELP FINANCE A \$4,914,550 SALE OF ONE USED BOEING 727-25
AIRCRAFT PLUS SPARE PARTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO CANADA, THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED
STATES HAS AUTHORIZED A DIRECT CREDIT OF \$1,474,365 TO FINANCE 30
PERCENT OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS, ACCORDING TO EXIMBANK'S
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM J. CASEY. A CREDIT OF \$2,948,730 FROM
CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE (CIBC), WILL COVER 60 PERCENT
OF THE TOTAL U.S. COSTS. THE OBLIGOR, QUEBEC AIR, MONTREAL,
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WILL MAKE CASH PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF 10 PERCENT OF THE U.S.

COSTS OR \$491,455.

EASTERN AIR LINES OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, WILL MAKE DELIVERY OF
THE AIRCRAFT DURING 1974.

THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAYED IN 14 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 10, 1975. EXIMBANK'S DIRECT CREDIT OF
\$1,474,365 WILL BE REPAYED OUT OF THE LAST 5 INSTALLMENTS AT AN
INTEREST RATE OF 7 PERCENT PER ANNUM, WHICH WHEN BLENDED WITH
THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT EXTENDED BY THE PARTICIPATING
COMMERCIAL BANK RESULTS IN AN ESTIMATED INTEREST COST TO THE
BORROWER OF ABOUT 9.5 PERCENT TO 9.75 PERCENT PER ANNUM.
REPAYMENT OF EXIMBANK'S CREDIT IS TO BE GUARANTEED BY CANADIAN
IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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